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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 4,502,934, issued March 5, 1985**
- 2. European Patent Application No. 1 309 028, published May 7, 2003**
- 3. European Patent Application No. 1 205 995, published May 15, 2002**
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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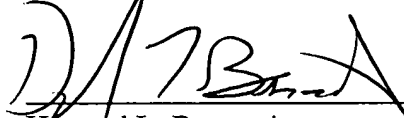
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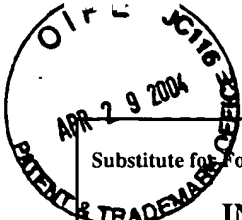
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